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Interview with: ROBERT D. CUDDY, 281 Hamilton St., who is supposed to have heard five shots the night of Sept. 14th, 1922.

Operative interviewed Mr. Cuddy at his home at the above address in reference to what he had heard on the night of Sept. 14, 1922. He states that nearly every night he saw young men around the dumps in back of his house, and this night in particular he saw 4 young men going down that way about 8 P.M., just at dusk he heard the five shots he spoke of. They seemed to come from an automatic pistol and were in rapid succession and believes that some of these young men whom he saw go down in back of his house to the dumps fired those shots in order to empty his gun before returning home. Mr. Cuddy made a statement to the State Investigators that the shots were fired about 250 feet from St. Mary's Home, beside De Russey's Galley.

Mr. Cuddy further stated that he is sure that the shots did not come from the vicinity of the Phillips Farm or the spot where the bodies were found.

Mr. Cuddy remembers Stumpy Gilliland, who conducted the road house at French St. near the brook. He stated that Gilliland was a canvass man in the circus and lived with a woman at the road house when he opened up the place years ago. The woman with whom he lived was with him in the circus. Mr. Cuddy knows that Gilliland ran a disorderly house and had girls around the place for immoral purposes. He has seen the Gibson woman several times when she passed his place in her Ford when she made her trips to collect garbage.

He stated that the State Investigators took him to Somerville where he was questioned for about two hours. He had no further information to offer.

Respectfully submitted:

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